

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: Chair Kelly Flynn, on February 17, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 152 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Kelly Flynn, Chair (R)
Rep. Jean Price, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Bob Brown (R)
Rep. Zach Brown (D)
Rep. Rob Cook (R)
Rep. Virginia Court (D)
Rep. Clayton Fiscus (R)
Rep. Stephanie Hess (R)
Rep. Tom Jacobson (D)
Rep. Ed Lieser (D)
Rep. G. Bruce Meyers (R)
Rep. Mark Noland (R)
Rep. Andrew Person (D)
Rep. Kirk Wagoner (R)
Rep. Kerry White (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Jeffrey W. Welborn, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)
Rep. Randall Pinocci (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jason Mohr, Legislative Branch
Jennifer Petersen, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 351, 2/13/2015; HB 450, 2/13/2015; HB 495, 2/13/2015

00:00:01 Chair Flynn
00:01:43 *Rep. Smith and Vice Chair Welborn arrive*

HEARING ON HB 351

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:59 Rep. Tom Jacobson (D), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB 351, Revise process for salvaging game animals.

00:03:02 *Rep. Pinocci arrives*

EXHIBIT(fih36a01)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:13:40 Jim Kropp, Law Enforcement Chief, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

00:13:49 Chair Flynn

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:14:04 Rep. Court

00:14:40 Jim Kropp, FWP

EXHIBIT(fih36a02)

00:14:45 *Rep. Shaw arrives*

00:14:54 Rep. Court

00:15:16 Jim Kropp, FWP

00:18:08 Rep. Court

00:18:24 Jim Kropp, FWP

00:19:02 Rep. White

00:19:47 Rep. Jacobson

00:20:28 Rep. White

00:22:04 Jim Kropp, FWP

00:24:43 Rep. White

00:24:56 Jim Kropp, FWP

00:25:22 Rep. Lieser

00:25:56 Jim Kropp, FWP

00:27:17 Rep. Lieser

00:27:43 Jim Kropp, FWP

00:28:11 Rep. Smith

00:28:44 Jim Kropp, FWP

00:29:07 Rep. Meyers

00:29:59 Jim Kropp, FWP

00:30:58 Rep. Noland

00:31:48 Jim Kropp, FWP

00:33:33 Rep. Noland

00:34:37 Jim Kropp, FWP

00:35:41 Rep. Fiscus

00:35:56 Jim Kropp, FWP

00:36:14 Rep. Fiscus

00:36:30 Jim Kropp, FWP
 00:37:22 Chair Flynn
 00:37:31 Rep. Fiscus
 00:38:12 *Rep. Z. Brown leaves*
 00:38:17 Jim Kropp, FWP
 00:38:41 Chair Flynn
 00:38:56 Rep. Court
 00:39:37 Jim Kropp, FWP
 00:39:57 Chair Flynn
 00:40:05 *Rep. Fiscus leaves*

Closing by Sponsor:

00:40:10 Rep. Jacobson
 00:43:40 Chair Flynn

HEARING ON HB 450

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:44:00 Rep. Kirk Wagoner (R), HD 75, opened the hearing on HB 450, Allow suppressors for hunting of mountain lion and wolves.
 00:46:32 Chair Flynn

Proponents' Testimony:

00:47:00 Dave Wood, self
 00:47:40 Chair Flynn

Opponents' Testimony:

00:47:55 Marc Cooke, Wolves of the Rockies
 00:50:15 Chair Flynn
 00:50:19 Rod Bullis, self
 00:53:23 Chair Flynn
 00:53:31 Kim Acheson, self
 00:54:32 John Borgreen, Russell Country Sportsmen Association (RCSA) of Great Falls, Montana Sportsmen Alliance (MSA)
 00:55:41 Chair Flynn
 00:55:49 Dominic Meyers, Chippewa Cree Tribe
 00:56:51 Chair Flynn
 00:56:56 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)
 00:57:47 Chair Flynn
 00:58:00 Nikos Pastos, Center for Water Advocacy (CWA)
 00:59:59 Chair Flynn
 01:00:11 Rhonda Lanier, Wolves of the Rockies
 01:00:34 Mike Mease, self
 01:00:50 Chair Flynn
 01:00:55 Jim Kropp, FWP

EXHIBIT(fih36a03)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:01:16 Rep. Pinocci
01:01:45 Jim Kropp, FWP
01:02:15 Rep. Pinocci
01:02:54 Jim Kropp, FWP
01:02:59 Chair Flynn
01:03:15 Rep. B. Brown
01:03:39 Jim Kropp, FWP
01:03:58 Chair Flynn
01:04:11 Rep. Lieser
01:04:28 Rep. Wagoner
01:05:07 Chair Flynn
01:05:12 Rep. Pinocci
01:05:42 Rep. Wagoner
01:06:00 Chair Flynn
01:06:03 Rep. Person
01:06:21 Rep. Wagoner
01:06:42 Rep. Person
01:06:48 Rep. Wagoner
01:06:51 Chair Flynn

Closing by Sponsor:

01:06:58 Rep. Wagoner
01:08:50 Chair Flynn

HEARING ON HB 495**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:09:14 Rep. G. Bruce Meyers (R), HD 32, opened the hearing on HB 495, Require bond for bison transfer.
01:11:58 Chair Flynn

Proponents' Testimony:

01:12:07 Wayne Stahl, self
01:15:46 Chair Flynn
01:15:54 Dominic Meyers, Chippewa Cree Tribe
01:17:49 Chair Flynn

Opponents' Testimony:

01:18:15 Mike Volesky, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
EXHIBIT(fih36a04)
01:23:00 Ben Lamb, National Wildlife Federation (NWF)
01:23:59 Chair Flynn
01:24:11 Jake Troyer, Montana Audubon (MA)
01:25:59 Chair Flynn
01:26:03 Nikos Pastos, Center for Water Advocacy (CWA)
01:28:19 Chair Flynn
01:28:23 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)
01:29:09 Stan Frasier, Helena Hunters and Anglers Association (HAA)

01:30:34 Mike Mease, self
01:33:32 Chair Flynn
01:33:42 Mike Mease, self
01:34:21 Chair Flynn

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:34:40 Rep. Smith
01:35:01 Wayne Stahl, self
01:35:11 Rep. Smith
01:35:30 Wayne Stahl, self
01:35:37 Chair Flynn
01:35:44 Vice Chair Welborn
01:36:24 Mike Volesky, FWP
01:39:16 Chair Flynn
01:39:44 Wayne Stahl, self
01:40:17 Chair Flynn
01:41:10 Mike Volesky, FWP
01:41:58 Chair Flynn
01:42:12 Mike Volesky, FWP
01:42:27 Chair Flynn
01:42:59 Rep. Meyers
01:43:28 Chair Flynn
01:43:34 Rep. Z. Brown
01:43:52 Rep. Meyers
01:44:25 Chair Flynn

Closing by Sponsor:

01:44:31 Rep. Meyers
01:47:30 Chair Flynn

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:48:56

Jennifer Petersen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fih36aad.pdf](#))